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Caron fired; comptroller says he quits

by Larry Black

Students' Society Comptroller Tom Cross has unofficially resigned as a result of the firing of his assistant yesterday by Society President Andrew Yearwood, it was learned at last night's Council meeting. The Comptroller administers Society finances and is charged with day-to-day paying of Society operating costs.

Ms. Caron, Cross' assistant and an employee of the Society for three years, was informed by letter that the Executive "no longer required her services." Caron was responsible for keeping the books of the Society.

External Vice-president Kyriakos Matziorinis explained the Executive's move to the Council Meeting: "Mrs.Caron demonstrated a very low level of competence and works very slowly."

Caron said she had worked with earlier Executives successfully. She said she had nothing to hide and that she intended to fight the move, not to get her job back, but to clear her name, as she had never been fired from a job before.

Cross' decision to quit was transmitted to the Council through **Daily** editor George Kopp, who had contacted the comptroller for a statement concerning the dismissal of his assistant. According to Kopp, Cross felt he was being kept in the dark and was the subject of suspicion on the part of the Executive. "They hurt Mrs. Caron, they hurt Mr. Albins (former Union Building Manager) and I don't want any part of it. I won't wait around to get hung for something else by them."

The Executive said they had not received notice of the comptroller's resignation but did not appear upset by the announcement, although they pointed out that they needed him as he was virtually indispensable.

When questions from councillors arose from Cross' allegations, concerning relations within the Society's administrative offices, Matziorinis exploded in a desk-thumping exposition, accusing Cross of being an "inside man" with a direct line with Vice-principal (Finance) McColl, Dean of Students Saeed Mirza, and later of "blackmailing" the Society Executive.

He said, "Tom Cross consistently operates outside of his sphere of competency, has a drive for power and expansion and gives the Executive biased information. Further in past he has covered Mrs. Caron when bills were not being paid on time."

Cross had earlier charged the present Executive with similar inadequacies, according to Kopp.

When a councillor accused

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Solicitor General Warren Allmand speaking last night.

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Louise Laporte, Executive Secretary of the Students' Society, will share check signing powers with Sadie Hempey in the event of Tom Cross' official resignation.

Allmand defends parliamentary system

by Michael LeDonna

Solicitor-General Warren Allmand spoke last night on the topic of "personal conviction and public policy" at a panel discussion sponsored by the McGill Chaplaincy Services.

The panelists also included Professors M. Stein, F.J. McGilly and R.B. Sklar, Rabbi Hausman and Rev. R. Balk.

Allmand, a McGill alumnus, has been a Member of Parliament for the Notre Dame de Grace riding since 1965, and has held the post of Solicitor-General in the Liberal cabinet since 1972.

Allmand, who claimed unfamiliarity with delivering talks on the topic, said, "I ran for office because I had certain convictions and I wanted to actualize these convictions. People are suspicious about your motives in politics. I feel that people run for office because they do feel strongly about certain issues."

Allmand believes that, while politics "lends itself to idealism", the calling also "lends itself to corruption and opportunism...You're continuously torn between conviction and what is electorally convenient."

The cabinet member distinguished three types of conflicts a politician must face, drawn from his experiences in the House: "You and the electorate, you and the party caucus, and you and the cabinet in the case of a cabinet minister." The MP, believes Allmand, is responsible both to his constituency's desires and his own conscience, with the conscience overruling.

"I believe it's the MP's responsibility to study problems in depth, consult with constituents, and then make a decision as you see it" as it's "spelled out by our system of parliamentary government", said Allmand.

He strongly criticized notions of plebiscite and referendum for any issue, calling it a form of 'mob rule'. "It's not part of our constitutional system. If we did that, we wouldn't need elected MPs. We'd just need a cabinet who would put issues to the public."

Allmand continuously defended the parliamentary system as one which promotes the use of personal convictions and the decisions stemming from this by the system's politicians.

Panelists Stein and Sklar discredited Allmand's observation that an MP rarely votes against his party because it's rare that moral issues of intensity come up, parliament being used as a vehicle to decide upon legislation dealing with extents and means.

Both panelists contend that politicians are basically immoral, and that the reason that voting is so consistently divided along party lines is that an MP cannot further his career if he doesn't acquiesce to party opinion.

After Allmand's initial remarks, the subject was turned away from personal convictions to one more closely associated with Allmand, the abolition of the death penalty, which boasts Allmand as one of its staunchest champions.

As the law stands now, the death penalty is legal for killing a policeman, but cabinet has the power to commute any death sentence. Sklar commented that the death penalty as it had been administered during the past ten years has been a farce as a deterrent since the law and the execution of it did not coincide, the law appearing strict but hampered by a toothless enforcement.

During the heated death penalty opinions, panelist McGilly observed, "I was struck by Mr. Allmand's remark that he's not used to discussing philosophical problems in front of large audiences. I didn't know whether to take that as showing the attendance in the House of Commons or the level of their debates."

Staff Meeting

Staff meeting to discuss Daily's demise. Today at 5 pm in the Daily office. Attendance mandatory.

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Music Faculty Concerts:
Strathcona Music Bldg., 555 Sherbrooke St. West. 1 pm—Room C310, free admission. Jane Wright, piano; Horn Class of William Karstens; Mimi Waltzman, harpsichord. Works by: Bartok, Bach, Byrd, Couperin.
Pollack Concert Hall, 555 Sherbrooke St. West. 8:30 pm, free admission. Music for Cello Ensemble, with Majorie Sparks mezzo-soprano. Works by: Bach and Villa-Lobos.

United Farm Workers' Struggle:
Recent Developments. Film and discussion led by Maria Serna, UFW organizer. Sponsored by McGill Association for Women in Law. 1 pm Moot Court, Faculty of Law, 3644 Peel Street. All welcome. Info: 849-0947.

Sculpture Workshop:
In various materials. Tonite 7-9 pm Gardner Hall Residence Art Room, open to all students. Some materials provided.

Women's Union:
There will be free films shown tonight at 7 pm in Leacock 26. "At Land", directed by Maya Deran; "La Vie Revée", directed by Mereille Dansereau. The directors will be present at the showing.

Book Fair:
The Women Associates and Alumnae Society's Book Fair in Redpath Hall today, 10 am-9 pm. New and used books at bargain prices. Proceeds go to the McGill Bursary Fund.

The Weekly:
Meeting at 4:30 today in the Daily office for all writers and anyone else interested.

Malaysian-Singapore Students' Association:
Disco dance is this Saturday! Union ballroom 8 pm. For more info call Mike at 849-0855.

The Italian Students' Society:
There will be a general meeting of the society today at 2 pm in Union 327. All members are urged to attend.

NFB flick:
Last day of run! "Il n'y a pas d'Oubli," produced by three young Chilean cinemasters. Noon at NFB Theater, 550 Sherbrooke West. Info: 283-4823.

Auditions:
Auditions from 12-2 pm in Union 307 for *The Proposal* and *The Anniversary* by Chekhov. Directed by Harry Anderson. call 392-5000 between 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:00 to make an appointment for the audition. Assistant Director and tech. crew also needed. For further info call the above number or Players' 392-8989.

E.U.S. Lunchtime Films:
12:00-1:00 McConnell Eng. Bldg. Rm. 204. This Week: Buck Rogers No. 9, plus Renfrew of the Royal Mounted.

Ascent of Man, Horseflick:
"The Ascent of Man" film series continued today with the episode entitled "Harvest of the Seasons" concerning man's domestication of animals and plants. Filming in Afganistan with 350 Uzbek horsemen, they re-create the tactics and ferocity of the Mongols. You will see horsemanship you have never seen before. Showing at 1 pm, in the Martin Theatre, Room 504, McIntyre Medical Building. Admission free. Everyone welcome. Renfrew of the Mounted is nothing like this!

W.A.A.:
Women's Badminton is starting a ladder tournament tonight from 7:30 pm till 9:30 pm at Currie gym. There's no need to sign up beforehand, just come out and have fun.

Pre-Med Society:
Film on Physical Examination 1 pm in MacDonald (Old) Chemistry Bldg., Room 104A (ground floor). First of a weekly series.

Good Vibes:
Available from the Prince of Peace. Join the McGill Christian Fellowship some morning for a half-hour of quiet prayer, from 8:30 to 8:55 in Union 307.

Egypt in Israel?!:
From Between Enemies to Between Friends. Sana Hassan, Egyptian journalist residing in Israel the last six months, co-author of "Between Enemies" (a dialogue on the Arab-Israeli conflict) with Amos Elon, an Israeli journalist, speaks on "An Egyptian Inside Israel," 8 pm Leacock 132. Sponsored by McGill Committee for Social Justice in the Middle East. Info: 845-9171.

C.S. Lewis Fans:
Books by C.S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer are now available at the McGill Christian Fellowship booktable: Hurry over to the McConnell Eng. Bldg. today, or the Union tomorrow from 11 to 2.

Insurance reps deceive students

All U3 students who were special enough to receive a flattering letter from the London Life Insurance company inviting them to indulge in a career as an insurance salesman should take heed. Your letter which read so convincingly, "During a recent conversation with a number of [department] professors, your name, among others was brought to our attention. They spoke highly of you and your abilities. Because of their strong recommendation..." is discreetly designed as an ego-stroker and speaks not the truth. The London Life reps simply wandered into the department offices and secured a half-random list of graduating students with generally decent grades. Albeit a nice image they should have known better than to think we'd believe that professors don't have better things to do than to sit around speaking highly of us and our abilities with insurance salesmen.

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SGWU to honour Azrieli

by Theresa Chruscinski

Concordia University faculty and Save Montreal are organizing opposition to a decision by Concordia to present Montreal developer David Azrieli with an honorary degree at the fall convocation on November 22.

Over the past few years Azrieli has donated over $250,000 to Concordia. Other notable achievements include his construction company's demolition of the historic Van Horne mansion in 1974, in spite of great public disapproval.

According to Barry Sookman, liaison between Concordia faculty and Save Montreal, "People should be made aware of Azrieli's activities in the community and these actions should be taken into account before any honorary degree is issued to him."

Michael Sheldon, vice-rector of Concordia says that "Azrieli, the symbol of the developer is being attacked. We say we are giving the degree to the man." Sheldon said that the honorary degree, in the past, has served a number of purposes. Degrees have been given for political good will as well as for academic achievement.

Sheldon said that Azrieli's money has gone into graduate fellowships, support of the library and it has also financed the planning of the Hall Building.

"All that Azrieli did was legal," said Sheldon, and besides, "the Van Horne mansion was a very ugly building and there was no reason for preserving it as opposed to the Prince of Wales Terrace which was torn down to make way for McGill's Bronfman Building."

Sookman questioned Sheldon's reasoning and said, "The fact that large groups of people moved to save the Van Horne mansion makes it take on special meaning." He said we are not dealing with a question of taste, but rather the immediate issue of the man and his responsibility to the community.

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Law students endorse UFW

by Jennifer Pader

A dozen or so students in the faculty of law have formed a social action committee, the McGill Organization for Women in Law, which will begin this year's activities by sponsoring a program this Thursday on the United Farm Workers of California and the legal problems concerning the farmworkers' efforts to build a union.

Maria Elena Serna, former farmworker and UFW organizer on the Montréal boycott, left the UFW after six and a half years, and is currently a first year law student at McGill and a member of the McGill Organization for Women in Law. She said that the committee, which meets on a regular basis every two weeks and is not restricted only to women, is mainly interested in social issues. They are specifically interested in helping women with legal problems, especially women separated from their husbands or divorced, who may be having a difficult time with property laws. They are also interested in branching into rape crisis work, and generally helping women in whatever legal sense they are able to.

Ms. Serna stressed the need of consciousness raising for women on a legal level, and added that the organization maintains contact with the other women's centres in Montréal, and may be doing more work with them in the future. Chairperson of the organization is Peggy Caswell, a second year law student, who also would like to see more women become involved in this field.

The program on Thursday at 1 pm will be held in the Moot Courtroom, Faculty of Law, on Peel Street. Ms. Serna will briefly discuss the history of the farmworkers' struggles drawing mainly on her experience as a community organizer and her personal background growing up in California. She will show a brief film about the farmworkers, and there will be a discussion concerning the new legal developments concerning the UFW and California legislation passed this summer allowing farmworkers to hold secret ballot elections to vote for the union of their own choice.

All McGill students are welcome to participate, and information about the Montréal boycott will also be available. Ms. Serna is currently the only Mexican-American studying in the faculty of law at McGill.

Students interested in participating in the work of the McGill Organization for Women in Law should contact her at 683-9604.

'Quiz kids' get paid more than TAs

by Amanda Edwards

Undergraduate students needing only an introductory linguistics course to their credit are paid approximately $6.50 hourly by the linguistics department to correct standard format quizzes.

Readers, or "quiz kids" as they are called, correct the quizzes over the 28 week course period, and receive bi-weekly cheques for a minimum of $49.50 clear. It is estimated that they work 5-6 hours a week.

The Readers and Teaching Assistants (TAs) are on duty each day at the linguistic table of the Drop-In Centre of the Redpath Library from 10 am to 3 pm daily.

At the moment TAs are organizing to continue their contest for better wages. TAs now receive an average of less than $75 a week for 14 hours' work. TAs are expected to have specialized linguistics competency and to act as consultants in lieu of the absent or busy professor.

Professor Ellis, chairman of the Linguistics faculty, said that although the "quiz-kids" do not form an important function, "their job, if conscientiously done, is well worth the money." He said that wages are decided on a fixed scale according to its budget but could give no concrete reasons for the present scale.

Ellis said that the appointment could be considered as a form of student subsidy but admitted that financial status was not a consideration in hiring.

Some Readers said that the hiring criteria was a matter of first come - first served, while others said that only 3 out of approximately 20 applicants were hired. Ellis said that screening was unnecessary and that they tended to receive no more than 6 applications for about 4 positions.

UN vote on Zionism

This is a breakdown of the U.N. General Assembly vote approving a resolution equating Zionism with racism:

For [72]: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussia, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic (Southern) Yemen, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, East Germany, Grenada, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qater, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Soviet Union, United Arab Emirates, Cameroun, Tanzania, Yemen and Yugoslavia.

Against [35]: Australia, Austria, Bahamas; Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, West Germany, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Swaziland, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

Abstaining [32]: Argentina, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswanna, Burma, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Mayritious, Nepal, Papua - New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Zaire and Zambia.

Absent [3]: Romania, South Africa and Spain.

Senate refuses 'Rat's' appeal

by Peter Krawczuk

At the Senate meeting held yesterday, Peter Ornstein's plea of "guilty with extenuating circumstances" was refused on the ground that Ornstein should have seen his advisor rather than forge another advisor's signature.

Ornstein had been charged with illicit possession of keys to the Skydiving Club in the Union and forging a signature on his study plan form.

The penalty of administrative suspension for the duration of the term was upheld by Senate.

Ornstein had been returning to the University after an absence of two years. On his day of registration, he received permission to register. Realizing that he had to have his advisor's signature on the study plan form, he rushed to the advisor's office, only to find about thirty students waiting to see that advisor.

Needing 41 credits for his degree (Honours Psychology), Ornstein decided that since the courses were to be approved anyway, he would forge another advisor's signature on the form. He did so, and registered on that basis.

When charges laid about Ornstein's allegedly illicit possession of the keys were dropped (because he was found to be in legal possession of the

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A McGill-Patty Hearst connection?

"Brainwashing" : in search o

by Charlie Clark

Now that the elusive Patty Hearst has finally been captured, cocktail party chatter speculates as to the precise nature of her "brainwashing" and inquisitive local memories turn back to the strange experiments conducted at McGill in the early fifties.

In a recent column entitled "Hearst and the Ethics of Responsibility", James Eayrs describes the isolation tests performed at McGill which led experimenters to conclude that "their subjects had become more susceptible to progaganda." Eayrs concludes, "They had isolated brain-washing in the laboratory."

"The experiment proved... that [McGill students] could be reduced into slobs, not knowing right from wrong..."

Strange brew indeed, and all right here at old McGill. As brain-washing rumours abounded ad nauseam, it dawned on this writer that the man who'd actually conducted the infamous "brain-washing" project is still perched in his McGill lab, quite available for corroboration.

"But that's ancient history!" The plaintive voice on the phone was that of Donald Olding Hebb, the 71-year-old Professor Emeritus of McGill's psychology department and former Chancellor of the University. Evidently, his illustrious career had moved on to biggers and betters.

Nonetheless, Hebb agreed to an interview with the **Daily** but gave strong recommendation that a look at some background material might do well to alleviate any preconceived notions about his brain-washing abilities.

His request was honoured and there it was—all set out in a 1957 **Scientific American**, "The Pathology of Boredom", a quite innocuous and respectable project which Hebb conducted under contract with the Canadian Defence Research Board. He was looking for methods to counteract the tendency of radar operators, aviators and truck drivers to fall into hypnotic trances as a result of the monotonous and tedious tasks they are required to perform.

Beginning back in 1951, a cross-section of McGill students were scientifically screened and then paid $20 a day to be placed in silent, sound-proof rooms, with translucent goggles, and cardboard cylinders binding their hands, to remain alone for as long as they could stand it. With breaks only for eating and use of the bathroom, the idea was to remove all patterned or perceptual stimulation in the environment and to then observe mental performance.

Some students lasted several days, others only several minutes. But most were hit with confusion, headache, nausea, fatigue and even hallucinations. When questioned on the reality of supernatural phenomenon such as ghosts, subjects who had previously denied beliefs in such things, were suddenly terrified at the thought. Some tried to think of term papers or personal problems but discovered that amid the intense silence they couldn't think at all. "My mind seemed to be a ball of cotton wool floating above my body," one student observed.

The experiments had amply demonstrated that an environment devoid of all stimuli is severely hampering to mental faculties. This had isolated brain-washing in the laboratory? It seemed that the scientific journal had reduced it all to a cut and dry textbook problem.

The office of D.O. Hebb, far from the dark and sinister Transylvanian castle that one might expect from an authentic brain-washer, is humbly located in the Stewart Biology building. The man is pleased that his interviewer has done the homework and enjoys filling in gaps in the mystery, taking us back to the days of the Cold War.

Time

Guarded by a policeman after her arraignment on multiple charges, Hearst raises fist defiantly.

"Back in the early fifties," Hebb begins, "the Canadian, British and American governments were extremely concerned with the fantastic and detailed confessions being made by American prisoners in Chinese captivity, as well as the Russian public trials in which members of the Communist Party who had been running the country suddenly stood up and denounced themselves as traitors."

Since these men were not tortured in any way, it was feared that there had been some new Pavlovian discovery. Hebb had then made the suggestion, based on an earlier work of his, that if subjects were made as comfortable as possible and given absolutely nothing to do, it might be demonstrable that they could be made to behave abnormally.

"A normal mind depends on a normal environment", Hebb explains before reeling off a string of instances where an abnormal environment has produced bizarre effects. He reads from the autobiography of Charles Linbergh; "ghostly vapours, speaking with human voices were riding in my airplane."

The Defence Research Board agreed to funding and Hebb's project was highly classified, so that even people in the Defence Department were unaware of it while the project went on for five years.

What resulted was not, as many now believe, the isolation of "brain-washing" in the laboratory. Hebb had simply found a small but useful defense for prisoners to use when subjected to sensory deprivation techniques. Prisoners should know beforehand that if they're put into isolation, they should not panic if they begin to hallucinate and they should not put too much trust in their own opinions.

"We didn't try to change the subjects' opinions, like liberals into conservatives or Jews into Catholics," affirms Hebb. "We'd be in big trouble if we were able to do that."

The results were declassified in 1956 but not until after some treacherous rumours had cropped up, as high up as the House of Commons, to the effect that McGill University and the Department of Defence were experimenting with new methods of torture. Defence Minister Campney assured the House, erroneously, that the horrible experiments had been halted in 1952 and that none had been conducted since he came to office. He quelled the MP's fears with the cynical explanation that "a very learned professor at McGill" was only testing a theory on students who had volunteered their services.

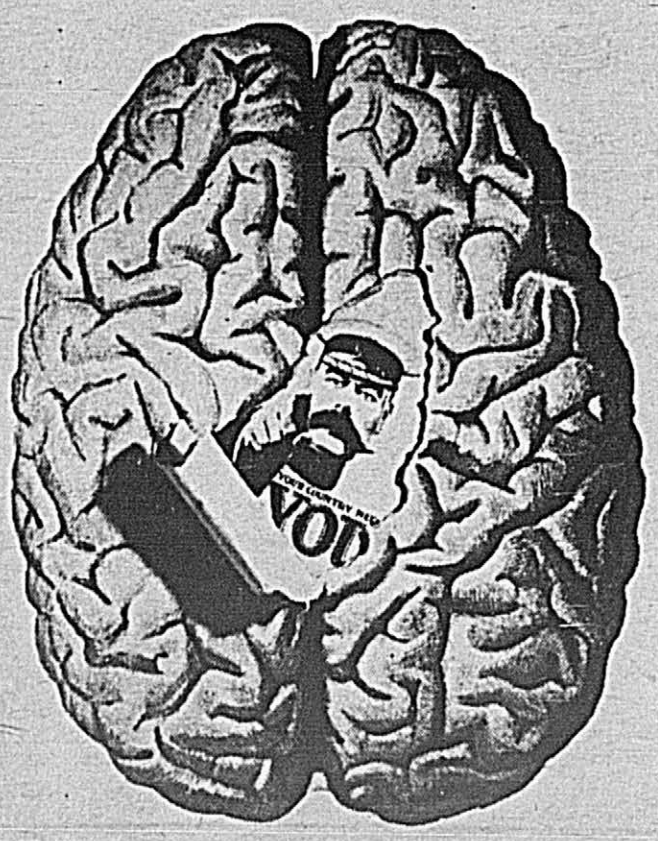
"Very learned professor, that was quite a crack," smirks Hebb as he contemplates the yellowed newspaper clipping. The heat was on such that Hebb finally released a statement to the press, which he says the **Gazette** hoped would embarrass Campney.

"Brainwashing defence found; McGill discovery will benefit military," blared the headline. Hebb's statement read; "The purpose of the experiment was to find a means of defence against an enemy weapon. We were not trying to find bigger and better ways of torturing others, but to find out how to protect our own men. In view of all this the reports (from Ottawa) do McGill University an injustice in suggesting that we were trying to find better forms of torture. They also do the Department of Defence an injustice. What the department asked for and what we tried to find was a basis for defence against an enemy weapon."

The furor of the Cold War not only gave rise to nasty rumours but also produced some disastrous press coverage of Hebb's endeavors. Hebb chuckles as he holds up a clipping from the tabloid **Midnight**, May 5, 1956. "If there were any facts to get wrong, they got 'em wrong."

"McGill students brain-washed!" the headline roared. "The amazing fact is that the experiment proved that they (McGill students) could be reduced into slobs, not knowing right from wrong, could be made to lie, cheat and say anything that was suggested to them...One of McGill's progressive professors has studied Russian tactics for years. He is now considered one of the world's leading authorities on methods of torture, brain-washing and indoctrination.

"Hebb had proposed to the Dean (sic) of McGill, Dr. Cyril James, that a revolutionary experiment be attempted.



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The very patriotic but cautious Dr. James was in favour of anything to help the cause of the British and the Americans, but terrified at the thought of bad publicity for the school." **Midnight** went on to explain that the top secret experiment is now in the hands of Russian agents because, in "typical blabbermouth manner," the U.S. government had issued it to the newspapers.

Anyway, the project made Hebb known outside of academia, but was never the crowning moment in the career of the professor who went on to further distinguish himself in studies of perception and related fields.

"It later turned out," Hebb explains, "that the Russians had no new methods. My theory is that they simply used coercion. If you don't confess, your wife and kids die, if you do confess, only you have to go. But that's just my guess."

And yet the **Midnight** legacy remains. Every few years Hebb is paid a visit by some starry-eyed journalist in search of the ultimate brain-washing documentary. His experiments have been compared to the way British police have treated IRA suspects—depriving them of sleep and subjecting them to deafening noise.

"This is precisely the opposite of what we did since we made them as comfortable as possible" he stresses. "We simply showed how the mind is dependent on the environment."

The Patty Hearst connection

So there you have it. In almost **Midnight** mentality, columnist Eayrs tries to explain the conversion of the 21-year-old heiress by comparing Russian brain-washing techniques to the Chinese methods and extrapolating how Communists are made.

Following a passage from Huxley's **Brave New World**, Eayrs quotes an American psychiatrist. "Where the Soviets have put emphasis on confession and extraction to justify public trials, the Chinese have from the beginning emphasized the role of confession as a step in rehabilitation and reform, and have relied more heavily on persuasion than coercion...Where the Soviets have traditionally isolated the prisoner and undermined his resistance by depriving him of any social contact, the crux of the Chinese approach has been to immerse the prisoner in a small group of others who are more advanced in their reform than he and who operate as the key agents of influence."

Eayrs then cites Robert Jay Lifton's **Thought Reform and the Psychology of Totalitarianism: A study of "Brain-washing" in China** and draws the generalizations that in China, the themes of social guilt and manipulation of the obligation a child feels for his parents are key factors, an obvious parallel to the case of Patty Hearst.

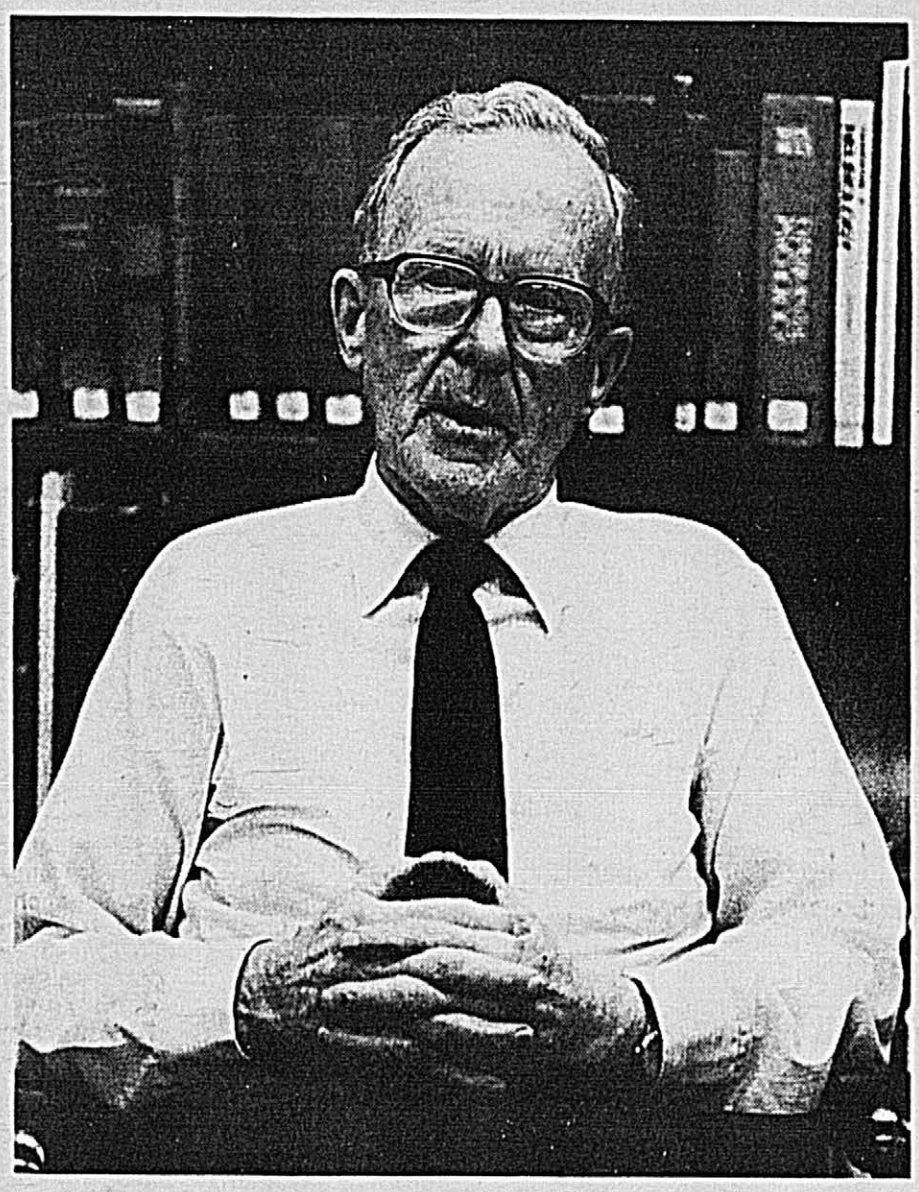
The implied conclusion: the People's Republic of China, beginning as a semi-feudal starving nation, went through the land reform, collectivization and the Cultural Revolution only to become a nuclear power and leader of Third World nations all thanks to 800 million brain-washed citizens. (Brainwashed by the standard 'Hebb' method, too.)

The problem with all this is that Lifton's book is concerned, not with the Chinese people themselves, but with the reform of Westerners and Chinese intellectuals regarded as "reactionaries" who arrived in Hong Kong from China. His work is sympathetic to the Chinese and he believes in their sincerity:

"Some people considered (thought reform) a relentless means of undermining the human personality; others saw it as a profoundly 'moral'—even religious-attempt to instill new ethics into the Chinese people. Both of these views are partly correct, and yet each, insofar as it ignored the other, was greatly misleading. For it was the combination of external force or coercion with an appeal to inner enthusiasm through evangelistic exhortation which gave thought reform its emotional scope and power."

To put the Lifton study in context, a quotation from Felix Greene's **The Wall Has Two Sides** is useful.

"I have come to believe that the Chinese people derive their deepest satisfactions not from a sense of personal importance but from sharing in activities which have aims beyond the individual. The government has been extremely skillful in giving nearly everyone a sense that his work fits in somewhere. A floor-boy in his hotel feels that he is participating in a re-birth of China every bit as much as a big shot in the government. All of them, down to those who do the most menial jobs—pedicabs drivers say, are made to feel they are an essential part of the whole show."



Professor of Psychology at McGill, D.O. Hebb.

This is goal of Chinese thought reform. The Symbionese Liberation Army, on the other hand, has no such "whole show" to make Patty Hearst, or anyone else, feel a part of. Let's then have a look at the **Rolling Stone** "Inside Story" description of Patty Hearst's "brain-washing."

"Patty was kept blindfolded in a stuffy, closet-sized room with a bare lightbulb and a portable cot. There were no windows and it was hot. She lost track of time and didn't feel like eating. She was told her parents loved money more than her.

She was not raped or starved or otherwise brutalized. But Donald Defreeze, the SLA leader known as Cinque, kept up a constant intimidation. He berated her and family for being part of a ruling class that was sucking blood from the common people.

"Your mommy and daddy are insects" he yelled. "They should be made to crawl on their hands and knees like insects if they want you back."

Patty tried to defend her parents. They had not hurt anyone. They were good people. Cinque was wrong. He had never met them.

But Patty feared Cinque. He told her she'd be killed if her parents did not meet the SLA's demand, and she believed him.

So Patty grew impatient as the ransom negotiations bogged down. "I felt my parents were debating how much "Like they figured I was worth $2 million but I wasn't worth $10 million. It was a terrible feeling that my parents could think of me in terms of dollars and cents. I felt sick all over..."

"...She was then furnished with statistical evidence...—Less than 10 percent of the U.S. population controls 90 percent of its wealth...(and so on, until the conclusion,) the only power that could fight that money was the power that came from the barrel of a gun. It was a political philosophy that had bored her when Weed and his doctoral student friends had discussed it in their Berkeley apartment..."

So Patty Hearst's conversion, **Rolling Stone** concludes, was both political and emotional. It was not, most certainly, chemical or physiological—the result of a "brainwashing" technique.

And so Patty Hearst will stand trial. Her political acts cannot be dealt with without confronting the political analysis involved and threat it poses to those who will judge her, just as the existence of socialist ideologies in Russia and China cannot be dismissed as mere products of some mad scientist's totalitarian vision. They have to be dealt with politically.

Despite the Cold War's efforts to produce one, there simply is no scientific method in which the will of a human being can be rationally altered to suit the will of another. The SLA doesn't have it, nor do the Russians, the Chinese, nor McGill's own D.O. Hebb.

apologies to Lourie

Students' Council...

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the Executive of elitism, disaffection for employees and a lack of continuity in Society affairs, and suggested that the actions of the Executive in removing the only remaining persons who knew how the Society functioned pointed to problems within this year's executive, Yearwood replied that this was not the first year in which there had been difficulties with the comptroller.

According to Yearwood, Cross resigned for a short period last year, reconsidered and returned to his job. This, he said, was generally unknown.

Pressure from councillors later passed a motion calling for the rehiring of Caron in hopes of persuading Cross to return. Kopp, however, who talked to both earlier, says he doubts either will return.

After moving to the continuing budget issue, Council passed a motion temporarily charging the present executive assistant to the Dean of Students Sadie Hempey with handling finances, should Cross refuse to return. Hempey worked for the Society until three years ago. Students' Society Executive Secretary Louise Laporte will act as co-signer, a function usually performed by Caron.

letters

And close the door behind you

To the Daily:

I am certain that any gay who has not yet come out would have reservations about paying hed to anyone who might implore one to do just that - but who signs his name with his initials?

As an active member of Gay McGill, I find the content of the letter of "C.R." published Tuesday to be acceptable but am highly embarassed by his failure to identify himself. Shielding his identity as he did behind his office and the name of Gay McGill.

J. Scott Doran
Arts U2

To the Daily:

The letter from "C.R.", Vice President of Gay McGill, was laughable in view of the fact that the author did not sign his or her name in full. We are exhorted to "get out of the closet", to "live free and act free", to stop living degrading "half lives out of fear". Ms. or Mr. C.R. does a very great disservice to those gay people who are trying desperately to live freely - by not revealing himself he joins the ranks of 90% of gay people who live half their lives in order, they claim, to avoid oppression.

These people refuse to recognize two important factors: 1) We are often the source of our own oppression. Liberation will not be handed to us by straight society - it will only come about when the masses of gay people decide that they will live as full human people. Liberation will also not result from the efforts of one or two brave people - they will be crushed unless they are supported. Straight society continues to survive through an elaborate mechanism - those who threaten its existence through non-conformity of any type must be done away with in order to ensure continuity of the "norms" which guide the system. 2) By attempting to hide from oppression, we are unwittingly protecting our stake in a system whose benefits are questionable. How many happy socialized straight people do you know? Why should we fight to be part of a system which ceased long ago to respond to human needs, to contribute to personal happiness, to allow people to achieve full human potential?

C.R. does not think highly of political activity - he advocates rather a "programme of socials and other activities". Granted, social activities have their place, but I doubt that they will contribute significantly to liberation. Closets are indeed stuffy, and is Gay McGill not just another closet? C.R. could set his sights a bit higher - the goal should be "freedom to be" in any part of the universe and in any type of intra- and inter-personal relations.

C.R. and many others should seriously examine their stake in straight society - what you fear you may lose could well be the very thing that you need most to free yourself from.

Margie Copley

Loud, gay and proud

To the Daily:

Although the individual who signed himself "Ex-Canadian forces serviceman" does not deserve (or desire?) a response to his closeminded letter, I cannot allow one of his statements to go unchallenged.

Mr. Serviceman stated "You are not going to force anyone to accept you through law and legalism". Might I comment that this is an identical response that bigots might have given in response to forced integration of blacks and whites, and the legal guarantees of minority rights. Although the law itself does not change attitudes, being protected by the law is certainly preferable to experiencing overt discrimination by it. The struggle of gays is also comparable to the struggle of women against the many subtle prejudices. Although the law will not cause a male to accept a female boss, it will guarantee the woman's right to a position of responsibility.

It is obvious to me that Mr. Serviceman did not attend Mr. Matlovitch's lecture, for if he had he would have noticed that the reason Matlovitch was prejudiced against blacks and Jews was that he never had had exposure to them as human beings and could only relate to the stereotypes presented him by his southern U.S. culture. Surely then we might conjecture that the prejudices of our Canadian armed serviceman may stem from gay stereotypes presented to him by our culture, causing an inability to accept gays as individuals.

It is people like Mr. Matlovitch who declare "say it loud, gay and proud" who will win social acceptance for gays. It is changes in the law that will prevent overt discrimination.

Tara L. Johnsen
B. Sc. U3

Firstly...

To the Daily:

There are some errors in the front page story of the Daily, November 6th which Gay Montreal would like corrected.

Firstly, the headline is only partially correct. The first line about it being an MSEA Gay Dance is correct, however, the second line about McGill Gays mobilizing to stop the dance is incorrect. This mobilization was done by one person only, the former interim president of Gay McGill, Robert Vallee. He and he alone started this thing, and he was the one who did all the noise making.

Secondly, Gay McGill was not back in action two months ago, as this would put the date back to early September, before the fall term for courses had started. Vallee was not elected to the interim executive until late September or early October, when there was a meeting of Gay McGill with about thirty or forty people present. If MSEA had booked the Ballroom in early September for a dance, then it was for a straight dance, as we had nothing to do with that group at that time.

Thirdly, Gay Montreal was not repeatedly denied a liquor permit last year. We were turned down once, and that was for a May 3rd dance. We knew in the middle of April we would not have the May 3rd dance, so we scrapped all plans at that time.

Fourthly, where does Vallee get the idea that the gay community at large was not in favour of this dance because of the exploitations of MSEA? The community at large had no idea about what was happening behind the scenes. They knew there would be a dance and that was all that concerned them. Who put it on made no difference. We would also dispute his statement that pressure was applied by the gay bars on the Liquor Board to reject any permits for gay dances. By doing such a thing, they could lay themselves open for investigation as to why they don't like competition with an occasional gay dance.

We hope you will publish this letter in order that the true facts may be known, as Vallee does not like all the facts to be known.

Eric Hill,
Gay Montreal Association, Inc.

A breath of fresh air

To the Daily;

Personally, I found Mr. Feinstein's anthology of Seltsamen Gesichten overwhelmingly refreshing. Never before has such a truly transparent overview of the world order been presented in literary tradition with such a sense of urgency. Mr. Feinstein's monograph on the dialectic of moral ambivalence and its implications for misguided Communist Perfectos, is long overdue.

In this stodgy age of reason, irrationality is a breath of fresh air. For too long we have been oppressed by the vanguard of reason and rationality. For too long we have been clubbed by morality, at the mercy of the votaries of everything right and just. It's about time we put an end to this optimistic slur. Reason is merely another of our unachieved hyperboles which we have repeated for so long that it is now vintage cathechism which serves only to assuage our frontieristic, democratic spirit.

Break out of this opiated slumber then and find a glimmer of hope that irrationality will soon be restored to its true role in the world order. Find comfort in the thesis of Mr. Feinstein that the voice of reason is dead. Long live irrationality. **Right on Mr. Feinstein.**

A reasonable man.

Toomey Thais himself in knots

To the Daily:

This letter is written as a response to the article on Thailand by Craig Toomey. Being a Thai, I would like to thank him for showing his interest in my country. However, he has failed to recognize that Thailand is not only Bangkok and Bangkok alone cannot represent Thailand. If Craig Toomey could take a few steps out of the sinful districts which he seemed to know so well, he would not be able to make such a generalization on Thailand. Every country has its "good" and "bad" aspects. If we view it one-sidedly we will not be able to obtain the overall picture.

Sirichai Chayasirisobhon
M.D.

Ma is off target

To the Weekly:

Who has not opened a copy of the Weekly without finding some article that is a revolting example of the lack of personal integrity in writing today? It has passed the stage of infrequency in the Weekly, and is now tradition.

The individual who writes "Ma's Choice" seems to be responsible for a good deal of this third-rate writing. I won't even bother to discuss his/her expressed "artistic" judgement of movies currently playing in town. I will only refer to his/her inability to write without displaying his/her ignorance of film history.

In the October 29 issue of the Weekly, he/she stated that the movie "All About Eve" proves once and for all that "J.K. Mankiewicz bears no responsibility for 'Citizen Kane'" Way to go, Ma, you asshole! It wasn't J.K. Mankiewicz who worked on "Kane". It was **Herman** Mankiewicz - he wrote 9/10ths of the script, and is a damn fine writer/director. You downgrade him as being a no-talent for a movie he never made!

This week's issue (November 5) is more of the same. 'Ma' says that "On the Waterfront" put Brando on the map. Actually, it was "A Streetcar Named Desire" which did that - three years before "Waterfront" was made. And how about the picture of "Frozen Fonda"? Look closer - it's Maria Schneider. "Ma" also says that "Sam never does play it" in "Casablanca". Funny, that sure sounded like Sam (Dooley Wilson) singing "As Time Goes By".. Maybe "Ma" is referring to the fact that Bogart never actually says "Play it again, Sam". "Ma" says it in an odd way.

Since "Ma" is writing his/her piece in order to influence people on their choice of movies (that's why reviews are written), why doesn't she/he first take a course in Film History so that she/he won't keep on coming up with more fucked up remarks? Then he/she can concentrate on his/her fucked up views on film art.

Yours sincerely,
Pierre Home-Douglas

Ma counsels restraint

Dearest Pierre,

This is your ole granny speaking. Come now. Artistic judgement and reviews referring to my one-liners. Now, really, I'm flattered.

Certainly I double type-memory-freudian slipped on the Manklewicz'. J.K. and H.J. (be precise now) were brothers, one known for directing, the other for scripting. I did not denigrate that so-called fine writer; I said he had nothing to do with Kane being a fine film.

A Streetcar Named Desire was unclassy stereotyped acting a la Strasberg; On the Waterfront was somewhat better.

If you don't think Schneider acts like a frozen Fonda, sometimes half-thawed, your eyes are deceiving you.

Sam never does play it.

Again my dearest Pierre, I thank you for your high opinion of my little column of information. Oil up your non-existent sense of humour and stop taking films so seriously, and start enjoying them. They are not the be-all and end-all of human existence much less the highest art form of mankind. Try enjoying them, and if you want to talk intellectualized aesthetics, or various theories of film, or do some serious nitpicking, try brushing up on people of much more significance than Mankiewicz or Schneider, or Welles.

Call again, anytime, and keep fuming,

Yours in cinematology,
MA

p.s. What personal integrity?

p.p.s. Never jump to conclusions, you assuming little sexist.

Legal clarification

To the Daily:

I was very surprised to learn about my having been interviewed, in the McGill Daily of Nov. 4, 1975. Actually, I have never been interviewed by anyone of the McGill Daily.

Moreover, there are some mistakes in Mr. Ledonna's article that I would like to correct. The main objective of the Quebec law students, since

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keys), the Senate Disciplinary Committee leaned more heavily on the charge of forgery.

During the closed hearing of Senate on the case, Dean of Students Mirza was not allowed to cite, as a precedent, a similar case in which a student had forged a study plan form signature and had been meted out a punishment less severe than Ornstein's.

Accepting the decision philosophically, Ornstein intends to devote the upcoming month to his own studies. He stated, however, that "students should be made aware of what they're up against in the Administration of this university."

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Pat McKendry, on the executive of Save Montreal, believes that it is time to re-evaluate the basis for the honorary degree. "Is it to be a receipt for political or financial patronage or is it to express the higher ideals of the university? Granted, financial considerations are important to any university but this must not mean the wholesale prostitution of the university."

Also receiving degrees at the convocation will be Anne Higgins, director of the Montreal Diet Dispensary, Donald Hebb, psychologist and former chancellor of McGill and Renee Vautelet, a champion of consumer rights.

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the beginning of their fight, has always been to increase the quality of teaching at the professional school. The Bar, being obliged to finance this school, had not the financial means to provide the students with adequate teaching. Therefore the law students began fighting for the professional school being given at the University.

What about the present situation at the Bar school? The students have a lot of work to do. Apparently, they were happy with the teaching of criminal law; unfortunately one cannot say the same thing for the teaching of commercial law. It is still too soon to assert that the results of the tests are better this year than for the past years.

If law students have been silent this year, it is because they know that the professional school will be given again at the Bar school for 1976-1977. This does not mean that nothing is being done. The comité interfacultaire des étudiants de droit (CIED) met many times this year, and it will have to take a position on the dean's proposals as to whether the professional school for 1977-78 will be under the responsibility of the law faculties or managed by an Institute which would be governed by representatives of the Bar, the students, and the deans of the law faculties. Hopefully, a decision could be made this month, at the next meeting of the Comité conjoint de la formation professionnelle.

That is not the only question that the CIED intends to cope with. It wishes to make proposals about the content of the program of the professional school, the methods of teaching and the evaluation of the students.

Martin Gauthier
Vice-president [BCL]
Law Undergraduate Society.

The source for Michael Le Donna's article was in fact another member of the LUS Executive, but not the Vice President. The Daily regrets the error.—Ed.

Say not the struggle naught availeth

To the Daily:

The letter entitled "Your boyfriend wears army boots" (November 11) is symptomatic of a sadly mistaken concept of democracy.

Minority groups such as the gay community need not submit passively to the dictates of the majority. They must have the freedom to voice opinions and practise lifestyles divergent from those of the mainstream. This is possible only if the majority view is altered through information and education. While this time-consuming process takes place, the law must extend its protection to minority groups and shield them from the effects of such bigotry and prejudice as yet remain in the hearts of men.

Change in a pluralistic society is impossible of minority opinions are silenced. We will not "keep our traps shut".

It is true that "you aren't going to force anyone to accept you through law and legalism"; but force is not intended - only persuasion - and barring a change in majority views by such peaceful means, the law can at least protect minority groups.

Passivity only perpetuates ignorance and hatred. The "c'est la vie" attitude would have kept blacks at the back of the bus. "It's a lost war" would have kept women chained to their traditional roles. We who are in the minority must actively seek change if we wish to be happy and free.

Say it loud: gay and proud.

Paul G. Leroux
Arts U3

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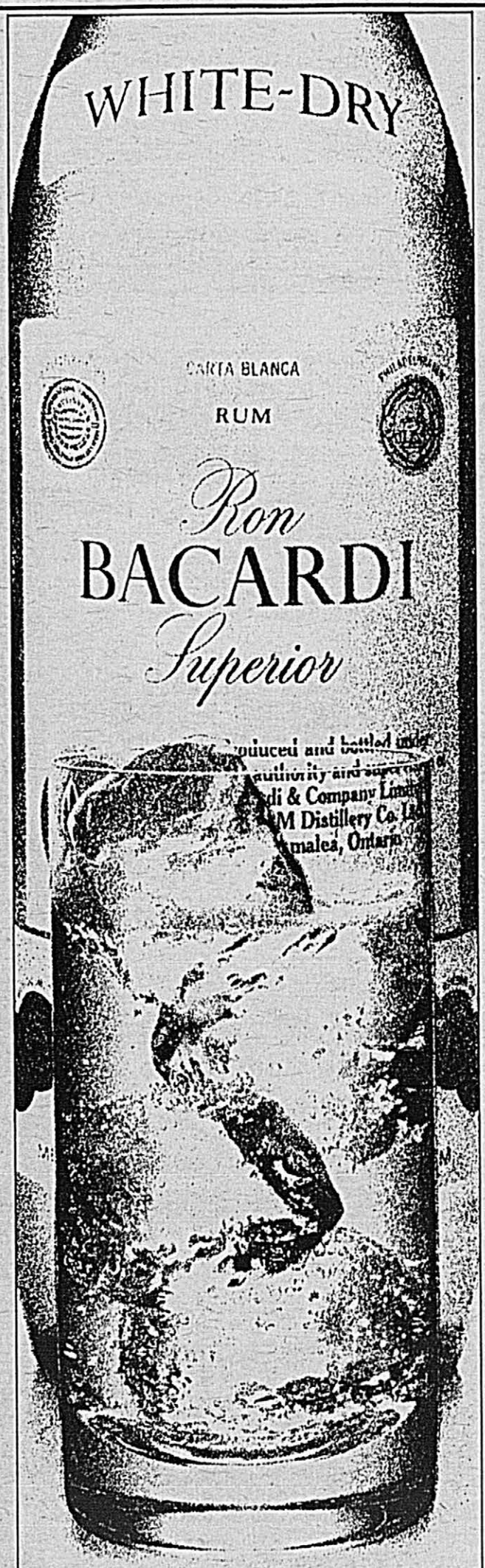

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